

NEWS FROM THE ART GALLERY OF MISSISSAUGA / FALL+WINTER 2011

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EAT
DRINK
MAN
WOMAN

CURATED BY TARA MARSHALL

Fiona Kinsella, *(22lbs 8 ounces) cake (bouquet/helmet)*, 2010, oil on canvas





November 10th to December 22nd, Opening Reception November 10th, 6 pm

A free shuttle bus will depart from the Gladstone Hotel (1214 Queen Street W., Toronto) at 7 pm to the reception. There will be an informal talk by curator Tara Marshall at 8 pm. The shuttle will return at 9 pm.

The title for the exhibition *Eat Drink Man Woman* is taken from the 1994 Ang Lee film of the same name about a father, a widower and chef, who has lost his ability to taste and his grown daughters who are desperate for independence. In this film the gorgeous, but sometimes less than tasty food that the father ritually prepares each Sunday becomes a metaphor for the broken lines of communication within the family. In the film, food plays a crucial but supporting role, providing context, symbolism and sensuousness. In the exhibition *Eat Drink Man Woman*, food is looked at through a wider scope: it is alternatively context, subject, medium and message – sometimes all four.

The artists included in *Eat Drink Man Woman* engage with issues and ideas about where we eat, what we eat and with whom we eat, all in very different ways. Some of the artists explore the global food industry, while others look at the spaces, places and rituals of food consumption, both private and public. Some use food as their medium to address mythology and politics, while some play with the traditional notion of still life and in doing so give us a new type of beauty. In its many different forms, from painting and video to sculpture and photography, the artwork in this exhibition engages with the changing role of food in contemporary society and in contemporary art.

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Laura Letinsky, *Untitled # 65*, 2002, Courtesy of Stephen Bulger Gallery

Melanie Gordon, *Tea Junction*, 2006, C-print.





Fiona Kinsella: *(cake) protector I*, 2007, royal icing, glass eyes, rhinestones, earrings, hair of a child, wood, glass, fondant icing



VAM34

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ANNUAL VAM EXHIBITION!

VISUAL ARTS MISSISSAUGA 34TH
ANNUAL JURIED SHOW OF FINE ARTS

January 12 to February 25, 2012

Opening Reception and Awards: Thursday, January 12th 2012, 6 pm

The VAM call for entry is one of the region's most anticipated events, bringing in hundreds of submissions from working artists across Ontario. It is an annual opportunity to survey a variety of practices by artists who range from graduating students to senior members of the visual arts community. This popular annual event has been hosted by the AGM since 1987.

Founded in 1977 and incorporated in 1978, Visual Arts Mississauga (VAM) is the City's largest visual arts organization providing affordable arts programs for the community. VAM strives to enrich community life by fostering an appreciation in the arts through active involvement in a variety of creative experiences. Programming at VAM carefully considers the community it serves, resulting in year-round instruction of over 50 adult classes and 25 children's courses offered by professional instructors in a variety of mediums.

Everyone is invited to join a free gallery walk with the Guest Jurors in conversation with AGM Curator Stuart Keeler. Please check the website for the time and related programming events.



AGM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS 1987-2012

The Art Gallery of Mississauga celebrates a Quarter of a Century on October 4, 2012. What do you envision the AGM to be in the next 10 years? We want your voice to assist with harnessing the cultural potential of Mississauga!

Happy Birthday to us! During the past 25 years the Gallery has brought to the community and region over 250 exhibitions representing the diverse genres of contemporary visual arts. Reaching out to the City of Mississauga and beyond, the AGM has strived to represent regional, national and international artists of high calibre. The **Art Gallery of Mississauga** is proud of its past programming and is even more excited about what the future holds! A new vision for the Gallery will kick-off in 2012, and we hope that you will join us with enthusiasm and optimism for these initiatives and become involved in shaping the next 25 years.

All are invited to participate in the Visioning Workshops and the numerous upcoming events. Please contact the Gallery about ways to activate your interest – we want to hear from you!

INTRODUCING STUART KEELER

Wednesday, November 16, 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Informal presentation at 6:00 pm

All are invited to an informal presentation and cocktail mixer event.

Please join the Executive Director/Curator Robert Freeman, Operations Manager Gail Farndon and the Board of Directors of the Art Gallery of Mississauga to announce the appointment of Stuart Keeler to the position of Curator & Director of Programmes.

Keeler is an artist who organizes exhibitions and multi-platform projects with the collaborative role of “curator” as the conceptual identity of his practice. Learn about the upcoming programme and exhibitions that aim to tap into the urban environment of our city with inventive social platforms and curatorial initiatives. Working internationally, Keeler has produced complex art projects in public space as an artist, community organizer and curator. Recently, Keeler completed LEITMOTIF with Scotiabank Nuit Blanche (2011) a project which conceptually sought to thematically question and construct new urban memories of Parkdale Village by locating 24 temporary “cube” rental moving trucks along Queen Street West – each “cube” housing an artist project.

Stuart exclaims, “I am eager to become a member of the regional art community and expand the programming and recognition that AGM has already built upon. This is an exciting time to be participating in the history of Mississauga as the city evolves into a truly urban centre with an inspiring culturally diverse population. I look forward to listening, learning and in making important contributions to the field.”

Most importantly, all are invited to come and learn about how to become involved in shaping the cultural vitality of Mississauga as a collaborative vision.

GALLERY ON CALL

Call the AGM and hear about current exhibitions. 905-615-3200 ext.4707

Gallery On Call functions similar to an audio guide and is extended programming to the AGM's current exhibitions. Lasting approximately five minutes in length, the recordings can be activated on or off-site. You may hear the artist, the curator or Gallery staff talking about the present exhibition. Gallery On Call gives you a taste of what is currently being exhibited at the AGM and keeps you in touch with your Gallery.

UPCOMINGEVENTS

CLOSED for Installation, **Monday, November 7 – Thursday, November 10**

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 10, 6 pm, *Eat Drink Man Woman*, Guest Curator Tara Marshall. There will be an informal curator's talk at 8 pm. Bus leaves the Gladstone Hotel at 7 pm for the AGM. **Exhibition runs until Thursday, December 22, 2011**

Thursday, November 3, Noon Concert "Hornacopia" French Horn Quartet The Chamber Music Society Mississauga

Thursday, November 16, 4 - 7 pm **Meet & Greet:** AGM Curator & Director of Programmes, Stuart Keeler, Refreshments will be served. There will be an informal talk by Stuart at 6 pm

Thursday, November 24, 7 - 9 pm, **Media Arts Mash-Up** – Mississauga Arts Council, RSVP to Sonya Poweska at: 905-615-4214 or sonya@mississaugaartscouncil.com

Sunday, November 27, 1 - 3 pm, **Paper Celebration Workshop:** Create seasonal paper art with artist Joe Vinski, Please call the AGM to register. (Fee: \$10.00 for supplies)

Thursday, December 8, 7 pm, **Walk the Talk** – Current exhibition discussion with Stuart Keeler, Guest Curator Tara Marshall and Artist Cole Swanson. Please register with AGM.

CLOSED **Friday, December 23 – Saturday, December 31**, Civic Centre and Gallery closed for holiday season

Happy New Year! Sunday, January 1, 2012, Mayor's Levee – OPEN 2 - 4 pm Exhibition: *Eat Drink Man Woman*

CLOSED for Installation, **Monday, January 2 – Thursday, January 12**

Opening reception, Thursday, January 12, 6 pm, **Visual Arts Mississauga: 34th Annual Juried Show of Fine Art**, Artists will be in attendance. Exhibition runs until Saturday, February 25

Thursday, February 2, Noon Concert, The **Elgin String Quartet**, The Chamber Music Society of Mississauga

Thursday, February 9, 7 pm, **Walk the Talk** – Current exhibition discussion with Stuart Keeler and VAM Juror/s. Please register with AGM.

Thursday, February 16, 7 pm A PechaKucha 20X20 inspired series. Join VAM artists in a presentation of their work, ideas and practice in a fast paced, pithy and informative presentation in the main gallery.

Saturday, February 25, noon - 3 pm **30 Minute Saturdays**. Please join AGM Curator Stuart Keeler with a guest cultural producer in a 30 minute critique and conversation of your work. Please call the AGM for your appointment 905-896-5088

Family Day Weekend, EARLY CLOSE:
Friday, February 17, 10 am - 3:30 pm
OPEN: **Saturday, February 18**, noon - 4 pm
OPEN: **Sunday, February 19**, noon - 4 pm
OPEN: **Monday, February 20**, 10 am - 5 pm

Thursday, February 23, 7 - 9 pm **Media Arts Mash-Up** – Mississauga Arts Council, RSVP to Sonya Poweska at: 905-615-4214 or sonya@mississaugaartscouncil.com

Saturday, February 25
Last Day: **Visual Arts Mississauga: 34th Annual Juried Show of Fine Art**

CLOSED for Installation, **Sunday, February 26 – Thursday, March 1**

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The mission of the Art Gallery of Mississauga is to promote awareness and appreciation of the visual arts through the operation, development and growth of a public not-for-profit Art Gallery.

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